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### 1. VOICE OF FREEDOM (VOF) BROADCASTS

VOF NEWS REPORTS AND ANALYSES DURING REPORTING PERIOD

STRESSED COMMUNIST OBSTRUCTIONISM AT SVN RELEASE OF POWS,  
SUSPENSION OF ICCS WORK AS CANADIAN DELEGATION DEPARTED, COMMUNIST  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEADLOCK OF NVN-RVN TALKS IN PARIS AS  
SPECIFIED 45-DAY PERIOD EXPIRED. EXAMPLES: "COMMUNISTS MUST  
BEAR ALL RESPONSIBILITY AS THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY VIOLATED CEASEFIRE,

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STEPPED UP INFILTRATION OF MEN AND WEAPONS IN ATTEMPT TO SET UP

THIRD VIET-NAM. THEY ONCE BETRAYED PEOPLE BY DIVIDING COUNTRY INTO TWO HALVES; NOW THEY WANT TO CUT COUNTRY INTO PIECES." (28 JULY NEWS ANALYSIS). "IT IS TIME FOR COMMUNISTS TO RECIPROCATE SVN'S GOODWILL SO THAT PEACE CAN SOON BE RESTORED." (30 JULY COMMENTARY). ALSO STRESSED NVN'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TROUBLES, CONTRASTED SUSTAINED SOVIET DETENTE EFFORTS WITH NVN'S OUTDATED WAR POLICY, AND CHARGED NVN IS FORCING POWS RELEASED BY SVN TO REMAIN IN SOUTH TO FIGHT.

2. VTVN NATIONAL RADIO (AUDIBLE TO NVA FORCES IN SVN)  
VTVN NEWS AND COMMENTARY HAMMERED STEADILY AT COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS; COUNTERPOINTED WITH FREQUENT STORIES ON SVN DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING PROGRESS IN LAND REFORM AND LOANS TO FARMERS. USED PEG OF COMMUNIST DISRUPTION OF POW EXCHANGE TO REPEAT DEBUNKING OF STORIES ON SVN POLITICAL PRISONERS. DEOUNCED COMMUNIST OBSTRUCTIONISM AT SVN-NVN PARIS TALKS, AND USED JULY 20 "NATIONAL HOSTILITY DAY" TO REVIEW 19 YEARS OF COMMUNIST PERFIDY SINCE 1954 GENEVA ACCORDS. STRESSED COMMUNIST OBSTRUCTION OF ICCS AS CAUSE OF CANADIAN ICCS TEAM PULL-OUT. BEGAN CARRYING BACKGROUNDEERS ON LATE AUGUST SENATORIAL ELECTION.

### 3. VOA PROGRAMMING

POST'S FEEDS TO VOA CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON STORY OF POW EXCHANGE BETWEEN SVN AND NVA, AND COMMUNIST DISRUPTIVE TACTICS LEADING TO SUSPENSION OF EXCHANGE. ALSO TREATED DEPARTURE OF CANADIAN ICCS TEAM, DISCUSSIONS OF SVN DEVELOPMENT UNDER SPUR OF FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENT, AND PREVIEW OF MID-AUGUST INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SVN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.  
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